

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following correction to the paragraph starting on line 27 of page 1:

An earlier invention, set forth in ~~UK Application No. 9903042.1~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,647,0103 to Pinard et al. describes the interconnection of a palm-top PDA or computer to a desktop PC which has an attached telephone under its control. In order to control telephony features via the PDA, a communication protocol is used between the PDA and PC for exchanging messages and commands. The PC then processes the call commands received from the PDA and issues further messages and commands to the telephone using a further protocol which is entirely independent of the protocol used to communicate between the PDA and the PC. This introduces complexities and costs in implementing PDA enabled telephony.

Please make the following correction to the paragraph starting on line 8 of page 4:

As discussed briefly above, a simplified protocol is provided fir communications between the PDA 14 and telephone set 12, without the requirement of an intermediate PC. The details of this protocol are set forth in co-pending ~~U.K.~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 10/056,404 entitled "TRANSPORT PROTOCOL FOR APPLICATION PLATFORMS COMMUNICATING VIA NETWORK PORTALS". According to the simplified protocol, a diverse collection of voice and data devices may communicate with each other without complicated protocol conversions as exist in the prior art. More specifically, a protocol mechanism is provided for establishing communications between an application platform and a network portal, on the one hand, and between the network portal and a voice/data network, on the other hand.